

**Abstract**

Holding means for holding an article onto a conveyor system, particularly for holding pharmaceutical vials onto a conveyor system for performing a filling and sealing operation thereon. The holding means bears downwardly on the article. A conveyor system incorporating the holding means is also provided. In a further aspect an aerodynamically shrouded processing station for use with the conveyor is provided which minimizes disruption of a downward laminar flow of purified air.